

## **Next Sunday 17 September (Trinity 15)**

9.30 Elmore: Holy Communion

Readings: Genesis 50: 15-21, Matthew 18: 21-35

11.00 **Hardwicke school** All-Age Harvest Festival Reading: Matt 13: 31-32

**PRAYERS PLEASE...** for PEACE in Ukraine, Sudan, Haiti, Burkino-Faso, Niger, Mali, AND in our Industries and public services

..... for all refugees and asylum seekers, especially Rohingya Muslims in Bangladesh

...Thank God for diplomats and peace-keepers.

...**for the sick and struggling**: Chris and Pam, Sean, Pauline, Nick, Julie, Gail, Margaret, Derek, Joy, Lesley, Jane, Beryl, Mair, Tina, Marion, Philippa

.....**for the family and friends of** Shaun Dowdeswell, Pamela Rayner

.....for Longney and Hardwicke PCCs' re-ordering plans, Elmore's organ replacement and Hardwicke's bells repairs.

..... For new Headteachers, Heather Francis and Sharon Cale, from September respectively at Longney and Hardwicke schools

.....**for Jane Edwards in Mozambique. Her latest prayer letter is here:-** [0823-Edwards.pdf \(bmsworldmission.org\)](https://www.bmsworldmission.org/0823-Edwards.pdf)

.....for Tim Fletcher Pioneer "Sportily" Minister, working on Hunts Grove.

**Please use the Benefice Prayer diary. It is on our website**

A new online community group has been set up for residents of Elmore, Epney and Longney. [www.thebridgecommunity.uk](http://www.thebridgecommunity.uk) or Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/groups/thebridgecommunityglos>

FROM CHRISTIAN AID: Please join us in prayer for South Sudan

Lord Jesus, you bless the peacemakers and comfort those who mourn.

We pray to you for all people affected by the conflict in Sudan.

May there be hope for healing in the region.

Console with your presence all who are fearful, exhausted, and grieving.

Lord Jesus, you were carried into Egypt in your mother's arms, in search of safety.

We pray to you for those crossing into South Sudan to escape the violence.

May they have food, water, support and a secure place to stay.

## **Benefice of Hardwicke and Elmore** **with Longney**

[www.hardwicke-elmore-longney.church](http://www.hardwicke-elmore-longney.church)

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**Assistant Priest** Revd George Parfitt

**Licensed Readers** Pat Buckland, Judy Cheshire and Mike Williams

**Authorised Leaders of Worship:** Neil Hollis and Doff Stone.

**TODAY Sunday 10 September (Trinity 14)**

9.30 Longney: Holy Communion

11.00 Hardwicke: Holy Communion

1pm Hardwicke: Baptism

4pm Elmore: Evensong (Psalm 119: 33-40)

Readings: Ezekiel 33: 7-11, Matthew 18: 15-20

Week beginning 10 September

Wed 13th 9.30am Hardwicke: Holy Communion

Thurs 14<sup>th</sup>, 2pm service at the Lawns

7.30pm Hardwicke PCC, Church House

Difference course. Responding to Archbishop Justin's vision for the church to be a reconciling presence in the midst of conflict, this course explores what it means to follow Jesus in our lives and seeing transformation through everyday encounters. If you are interested please let Richard know and he'll book you on.

<b>Course 1</b>	<b>Course 2</b>
<b><i>All Tuesdays 7pm - 9pm</i></b>	<b><i>All Wednesdays 1:30pm - 3:30pm</i></b>
26 September 2023	10 January 2024
3 October 2023	17 January 2024
10 October 2023	24 January 2024
17 October 2023	31 January 2024
24 October 2023	7 February 2024

**Venue:** Cooke Room, St Mary De Crypt, Southgate Street, Gloucester.

### **The Collect for 10 September (Trinity 14)**

Almighty God,  
whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your  
presence:  
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in  
truth;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### **Readings for 10 September**

#### **Ezekiel 33: 7-11**

‘Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the people of Israel; so hear the word I speak and give them warning from me. <sup>8</sup>When I say to the wicked, “You wicked person, you will surely die,” and you do not speak out to dissuade them from their ways, that wicked person will die for<sup>[a]</sup> their sin, and I will hold you accountable for their blood. <sup>9</sup>But if you do warn the wicked person to turn from their ways and they do not do so, they will die for their sin, though you yourself will be saved.

<sup>10</sup> ‘Son of man, say to the Israelites, “This is what you are saying: ‘Our offences and sins weigh us down, and we are wasting away because of<sup>[b]</sup> them. How then can we live?’” <sup>11</sup> Say to them, “As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD, I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that they turn from their ways and live. Turn! Turn from your evil ways! Why will you die, people of Israel?”

#### **Matthew 18: 15-20**

‘If your brother or sister<sup>[a]</sup> sins,<sup>[b]</sup> go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. <sup>16</sup> But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that “every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.”<sup>[c]</sup> <sup>17</sup> If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector.

<sup>18</sup> ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be<sup>[d]</sup> bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be<sup>[e]</sup> loosed in heaven.

<sup>19</sup> ‘Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup> For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.’

#### **Psalm for Elmore Evensong: 119: 33-40**

<sup>33</sup> Teach me, O LORD, the way of thy statutes;  
and I shall keep it unto the end.

<sup>34</sup> Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law;  
yea, I shall observe it with my whole heart.

<sup>35</sup> Make me to go in the path of thy commandments;  
for therein do I delight.

<sup>36</sup> Incline my heart unto thy testimonies,  
and not to covetousness.

<sup>37</sup> Turn away mine eyes from beholding vanity;  
and quicken thou me in thy way.

<sup>38</sup> Stablish thy word unto thy servant,  
who is devoted to thy fear.

<sup>39</sup> Turn away my reproach which I fear:  
for thy judgments are good.

<sup>40</sup> Behold, I have longed after thy precepts:  
quicken me in thy righteousness.